units are functioning well. I would like to know from the Government through you whether all the public sector undertakings will be declared sick or whether it is being done under the conditionalities imposed by the IMF or whether the rumours spreading in Delhi markets that they are involved in big scandal? What is the truth after all?

[*English*]

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: I have already given a notice. There is a great scandal. (Interruptions) Today the Rajya Sabha is discussing this issue.

MR. SPEAKER: I have allowed Shri Guman Mal Lodha.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA: The details about the purchase of the locomotives should be laid on the Table of the House. We want to discuss it. Today the Rajya Sabha is discussing this question of import of locomotives.

MR. SPEAKER: What he is saying is not going on record.

(*Interruptions*)*

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. What you are saying is not going on record. Please take your seat. This is a little too much.

(*Interruptions*)

[*Translation*]

SHRI GUMAN MAL LODHA (Pali): Mr. Speaker, Sir, with your permission I want to raise an issue to paramount national importance in the House. A few days ago, while replying to a question, the Minister of State of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Shri Ajit Panja stated in reply to a question that the screening of 3000 episodes of the serial "Krishna" produced by Shri Ramanand Sagar was going on. After this, the Screening Committee will take decision on it. Mr. Speaker, Sir, now it has come to light that a letter from the Ministry of the hon. Minister had been issued long ago in which this important serial on Lord Krishna has not been cleared. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this serial is not only being screened in India but also in many countries of the World. Crores of people of the world have been influenced by the preachings in the Gita and by the life of Lord Krishna and they will remain influenced in future as well. This is an eternal truth. Mr. Speaker, Sir, this serial has been banned.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has misled this house so a question of breach of previlege should be raised, and how should it be raised is a different question. But through you I would like to know as to why the sentiments of the 80 crore people of India are being played with. Therefore, the serial "Krishna" should be permitted.

[*English*]

SHRI K.P. REDDAIAH YADAV (Machilipatnam): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the House and the Government to a matter concerning the re-employment policy of the retired IAS and IPS Officers, who were placed in sensitive areas in the State Governments and in the Central Government.

Sir, an alarming news came in the National press that the Director General of Defence Research and Development Organisation and Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister ** has resigned and sub-

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*Not recorded.

mitted his resignation to the Defence Minister. Also he has applied for permission to serve the Massachussets Institute of Technology in U.S.A.

Being in charge of sensitive Defence Organisation for a decade and being privy to the country's defence research secrets for a decade, the whole country was stunned as to what prompted ** to take such a drastic sudden decision to quit the post. Earlier in the past, Indian industrialists used to establish links with the senior IAS, IPS /Secretaries of Government of India and soon after their retirement, they used to re-employ them in their organisations and used to control the economic policies of the country. That is the reason why the Indian masses are looted by the one per cent vested interests of the country. I, therefore, urge upon the Government of India to enquire into the antecedents, his present behaviour and his involvement in the promotion of staff. And discontentment is growing in the Defence staff by the actions of ** .....(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: This is all irregular. You are mentioning the name of a gentleman who is not here in the House. You cannot mention his name and it is not allowed. You are not following the Rules. I shall have to go through the record and I shall have to take a decision.

(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: I will go through the record and find out what has to be done.

Shri Vijayaraghavan.

[*Translation*]

*SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Palghat): Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of the House and the Govt., to a serious situation in Palghat my constituency. In 1985, when the late Shri Rajiv Gandhi visited Palakkad he realised the fact that this district which is in the rain shadow area of western ghats, is a drought prone district and accordingly he sanctioned a technology mission for Palakkad with an allocation of Rs. 4 crores.

That mission has come to an end on 31st March, that is yesterday. Although the various programmes under the mission were not implemented fully because of the indifference of the LDF Govt. in Kerala, the mission is very essential for Palakkad. Today, in the areas like Alathur, Elappully, Vadakarappati, Erutenpati etc. there is actue shortage of drinking water. Under the mission the per capital availability of water which was targeted was 40 liters of water. By now, more than 1500 tubewells have been dug and a large number of people have been given training in repairing handpumps etc. under the mission. An amount of Rs. 315 lakhs has been spent so far and the remaining Rs. 87 lakhs are yet to be spent.

Therefore, it is absolutely essential to extend the time of the mission. I request the Govt. to issue necessary instructions in this regard. Sir, the Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development is present here. I would request you to give him necessary direction in the matter.

SHRI MANGAL RAM PREMI (Bijnor): Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you I would like to draw the attention of the Minister of Railways to the fact that I have come to know that some time back the Government had conducted a survey to lay a new railway line to Bijnor via Meerut–Hastinapur–Ganj but now the Government is contemplating to cancel it.

**Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

*Translation of the speech originally delivered in Malayalam